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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Nobuhiro IKEDA

Group Art Unit: 2643

Serial No.: 10/081,052

Examiner: Duc M. NGUYEN

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For: SYSTEM FOR MANAGING OPERATION STATUS OF EQUIPMENT AND
APPARATUS USED THEREIN

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action December 2, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.